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LOTTERY SCAM ALERT!

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery is warning Arkansans about scammers who are making false representations about individuals winning a lottery prize. The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery received a report that a person purporting to represent the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery called an Arkansas resident and informed her that she'd won \$5 million in a Second-Chance drawing. The caller knew the woman's home address, and instructed her to go to a local store to purchase a pre-paid card called Green Dot MoneyPak to use to pre-pay taxes owed on the prize. The scammer provided a toll-free number that, when called, mimics the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery phone message.

To protect yourself, please remember:

- The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery never requires the payment of any money in order to claim a prize.
- The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery typically does not call people to tell them that they've won, except in contests that the person has intentionally entered.
- Never provide any personal or financial information to someone over the phone unless you initiate the call or are certain the caller is legitimate, especially Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, and credit card numbers.

If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery, Powerball or Mega Millions be on your guard. You can always call the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Security Hotline at 1-888-606-6292 for more information or to check the legitimacy of such claims. The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has notified the Consumer Protection Division of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office of this scam.